

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Michael Bauer et al.	Examiner:	Julia Slutsker
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2009, in which a Species Election was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Specie I (1A: claims 26 and 34, irradiating device includes a laser beam source, 0017; 1B: claims 27 and 35, irradiating device includes a UV source, 0018) and Specie II: (11A: claim 28, removal device provided with tacky surfaces, 0019; 11B: claim 29, removal device provided with stripping bristles, 0020).

In response, Applicant hereby elects Specie 1B (claims 27 and 35) without traverse. Claims 19-25, 30-33, 36 and 37 were identified in the Office Action as being generic.

Having thus addressed the Species Election imposed by the Examiner, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Response to Restriction Requirement

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